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SUBJECT: LUTHERAN BISHOP FRENZ

REF: SANTIAGO 6670

1. COMMITTEE FOR PEACE, OF WHICH BISHOP FRENZ IS A CO-PRESIDENT, OCTOBER 4 ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT CARRIED IN PRESS CALLING GOC ACTION PROHIBITING FRENZ'S RETURN TO CHILE AN EXTREME MEASURE. STATEMENT SAID NO ONE WHO KNOWS FRENZ AND HIS WORK CAN AGREE WITH GOC DECISION, SINCE HE HAS WORKED UNTIRINGLY TO REMOVE OBSTACLES WHICH BLOCK RECONCILIATION BETWEEN CHILEANS.

2. LEADERS OF FRENZ'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH REPORTEDLY MET THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND AND PLANNED TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR OCTOBER 6. CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THAT THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF GOC ACTION.

3. CARDINAL SILVA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN COMMITTEE FOR PEACE TOLD POL COUNS THAT IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED DECREE REVOKING FRENZ'S AUTHORIZATION TO RESIDE IN
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CHILE HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AND SIGNED IN JULY. HE HAD

NO IDEA WHEY GOC WAITED UNTIL NOW TO ISSUE DECREE,
SINCE HE WAS SURE FRENZ HAD DONE NOTHING RECENTLY
WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THE DECISIVE FACTOR. REPRESENTA-
TIVE THEN ASKED IF AMBASSADOR COULD INTERCEDE WITH
GOC ON BEHALF OF FRENZ. HE WAS TOLD AMBASSADOR'S
FORMAL INTERCESSION MIGHT NOT BE APPROPRIATE WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS SINCE THIS IS CASE OF THIRD COUNTRY
NATIONAL, BUT THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKELY RAISE SUBJECT
INFORMALLY DURING NORMAL COURSE OF HIS CONTACTS WITH
HIGH GOC OFFICIALS.

4. COMMENT: IF GOC INDEED HAD DECIDED IN JULY TO
TAKE THIS ACTION, IT MAY HAVE WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL FRENZ WAS
ABROAD TO PUT IT INTO EFFECT.
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